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3B8, MAURITIUS. The "DX News Sheet" reports Adriano, IK2GNW, will be active from here **February 20th to March 1st** as **3B8/IK2GNW**. Planned activity will be CW/SSB and RTTY, with an emphasis on 160 and 80 meters.

3W, VIETNAM. There has been a report from Japan that **3W5FM** was heard on TOPBAND. 3W5FM was heard calling CQ DX on 1826 kHz between 1420-1445z.

5K3, COLOMBIA (160 meters). Do you have Colombia confirmed in SSB on the 160 meter band?. If you don't here is your opportunity. The Colombian Amateur Radio League (Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados) will operate the special callsign **5K3SB** during the next **CQ WW SSB 160 Meter Contest (February 21-23rd)** in the multi-operator single transmitter category with full size dipoles. Look for them in the DX window (1830-1835 kHz). The event will be carried out on a Military Base near Bogota and has the official approval of the Ministry of Communications. QSL card via HK3DDD. For any additional information on this operation, E-mail can be sent to Juan Marcos Rico at: ju-rico@uniandes.edu.co

8P, BARBADOS. Begin looking for Bob/AA1M, Jim/W1HL, Mike/W1USN and Tim/KA1MID to be active **February 17-24th**. Currently their callsigns are unknown, but the group plans to be active on all bands CW/SSB. QSL to home calls.

9G, GHANA. Steve, PA3GBQ, now active as **9G5BQ** until **early March**, was heard on 80 meters. He was on 3514 kHz starting at 2200z and was heard as late as 2345z. He was also active on 18074 kHz around 1630z. For more info regarding his trip to 9G-land, a small Website has been set up and can be found at: <http://www.igr.nl/~pa3dmh/9g5bq.htm>

C5, THE GAMBIA. Brenden, G0UCT, should be active now through **February 14th**. He will be operating as **C56XX**.

FS, ST. MARTIN. Eddie, EA3NY, plans to be active during **ARRL DX SSB Contest, March 1-2nd**. He will use the callsign **FS5PL** during the contest and a few days before. Eddie will be Single/Op on all bands. Those interested in schedules for 80 or 40 meters, send E-mail to:

JD1, MINAMI-TORISHIMA. JG8NQJ/JD1 will be on the island **until April 23rd**, but activity will be limited due to his work schedule. Operations will be on 40-10 meters, and the best times to look for him are: 0100-0200z, 0600-0700z, 0930-1100z and 1300z. QSL via JA8CJY: Susumu Sanada, 5-4 Shin-ei, Toyohira, Sapporo 004, Japan.

OD5, LEBANON. Norby, LX1NO, will be visiting OD5 from **February 13-16th**. There might be a chance for him to be active from here signing his **homecall/OD5** or with the call of his host Jamil, **OD5PN**. He will be active mainly on 20/15 meters in the morning or afternoon (probably his local time). QSL via LX1NO/LX9EG.

P4, ARUBA. Look for **P40W** to be active in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as a single-OP/High Power/All Band entry. Check 160 and 80 meters on the hour or half-hour during darkness. Operations will be around 025 kHz on all bands.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Buzz, N5FTR, reports that Rusty, **KG4AU**, has decided he wants to handle his own cards. So, all requests should now be sent to Rusty via **KG4AN** (not N5FTR), the Gitmo Club Station (Guantanamo Bay). Buzz states he is still receiving quite a few requests for cards, but he no longer has the logs and has sent Rusty all the blank cards. He knows this is expensive and an inconvenience for those who have sent for the card, but all he can do is return their cards with the information for the new routing....
- Buzz, **N5FTR**, states he will now send cards to the outgoing QSL Bureau only one time a year for stations he is manager for. He has recently sent off a 16 pound box of cards in January, and will not send another until January of 1998. Those seeking a card through the bureau for one of the stations that he manages will have to wait a while longer, but it will be sent. Of course, those requesting a card and sending a SAE with the appropriate postage (or provisions for same) will receive their card as quickly as they can be confirmed. Buzz handles cards for the following active stations: **ZD7JP**, **OA4DTW** (ex-9M8BT and P29BT), **V31ML**, **A41KJ**, and **V31SD**. He also has the logs for the following stations that are now QRT or not currently active: **9M8BT**, **9M8FH**, **9M8LL**, **9M8YL**, **Z21BA**, **ZD8KFC**, **PJ0/KB5DZP**, **V31BR**, **V47LDX**, and **J87CQ**.
- Bob, **W7TSQ**, reports that Gary, **N7QXQ/HR6**, (on IOTA NA-057) has decided that Bob will take on the new responsibility for his QSLs. PLEASE NOTE that Gary is just about out of cards in HR6, so more will be ordered when the next mailboat leaves for the states (in about a week). Most of those cards will be shipped to Bob and a few to Gary. Gary will send Bob all the logs through March 31, 1997, which Bob should have in his hands about mid April. If you have sent cards already to Gary's Tampa address, please just wait!! If you have sent cards to NA7X (now a silent key), please send them again to Bob. For a direct response - a SASE or SAE plus postage is required. Cards received without, will be answered but via bureau!!! Bob states that Gary has been waiting for an HR6 callsign, but that seems like it may never come about.

RUSSIAN DX NEWS..... RA3SL reports that a Russian expedition to **Waganiha Island** (RR-22-01) will be active during the **second half of February**. The operators will be Nick/RA1QQ, Alex/RA1QY and Albert/RA1QHJ, and they hope to use the special callsign **UE1QQQ**. QSL via RA1QQ (Nick A. Smerdov): P.O.Box 24, Cherepovets, 162627, Russia. This island will be

good for RRC-Award (Russian Robinson Club)..... Also, Nick, RA1QQ, reports that the logs for 4K2QQ from AS-022, (1989-1991) will be closed at the end this year. If you do not have the QSL-card, please QSL again via RA1QQ.

USI ALERT (New WA island). Jim, W9HAO, has a sked with Phil, **KJ7NS**, on **Maury Island, WA**, on Tuesday, **February 11th** at 1700Z. When qualified, Maury Island will be **WA-016S**. Please allow Jim to make his sked on 14260 kHz before calling Phil.

V2, ANTIGUA (UPDATE). Last week we mentioned that Sean, KX9X, and Matt, NM9H, would be active from **February 12-19th**, CW/SSB and RS-12. But due to popular request, the team WILL also be active on RTTY from the Caribbean super-station V26B. QSL information, assuming they receive the callsigns they apply for, are as follows: **V26CW** via NM9H - Matt Kolb, 1301 S. Second St., Gillespie, IL 62033 USA **V26NA** via KX9X - Sean Kutzko, 2614 Greenleaf Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514 USA

V5, NAMIBIA. Charlie, W0YG (ex KY0A), left last Wednesday and should be once again active from here by the time you read this. He tells OPDX that the operation will start Monday evening (V5 local time), **February 10th**, on the top band. Charlie and others will be active as **V51Z through February 17th**. Operations will be on all bands, mostly CW, but with some RTTY on 20M only. They will concentrate on the low bands and the WARC bands. They will also be active in the **ARRL DX Contest**. QSLs for V51Z are via ZS6EZ.

V6, MICRONESIA. Sam, **V63KU**, is very active on 20 meters SSB and can usually be found active for a few hours between 14175 and 14200 kHz starting around 2100z. QSL via JA6NL at: PO Box 1679, Truk Lagun, Micronesia.

ZB2, GIBRALTAR. Andy, G4ZVJ, plans to sign **ZB2/G4ZVJ** from **March 12-18th**. Activity will be mostly CW on all HF bands. Suggested frequencies are: 1827, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14027, 18077, 24897, and 28027 kHz +/- . If there is a demand, Andy states that he will be active on RTTY. The **ARRL DX CW contest** falls during his stay. However, Andy states, "My QTH is on the "WRONG" side of the ROCK for North America ;)." QSL via G4ZVJ (Direct or via Bureau): Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 1UA, U.K.

ZC6, PALESTINE (Gaza and West Bank). Ray, 9M2NOM/G3NOM, informs OPDX that there is the possibility of an operation from the **Gaza Strip** (Palestine) from **February 12-14th**, using the call sign **ZC6MPT**. This will be followed by a visit to the West Bank February 14-16th, possibly using the operator's own **callsign/ZC6** for callsigns. A small group of Japanese operators who are members of the recently formed IARV (International Amateur Radio Volunteers) will be setting off for Palestine on 11th February 1997. Their mission will primarily be Phase 2 of a humanitarian aid project which started last June in the Gaza Strip. They will be installing and commissioning VHF/UHF transceivers at the hospitals and in ambulances on the West Bank. Also, they will be holding discussions with officials about future amateur radio volunteer work. Due to the above commitments, there is only a 50/50 chance of operation at this time. The operators will be Yoshi JA1UT, Jiro JA3UB, and Teru JA3TXZ. They hope to assist the Palestine National operators to activate ZC6MPT from the HQ of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in Gaza City. Operations are likely to be confined to 14 MHz SSB around 14190 kHz. Permission to operate from the West Bank is more difficult and is less likely. However, if permission is granted, it is likely that callsign/ZC6 calls will be used. QSLs will be handled by JA1UT. Ray, 9M2NOM/G3NOM, states "DXers are reminded that the

European World Wide Award (Award Manager F6FQK Council of Europe)) does recognize Palestine as a separate country already, although DXCC accreditation is still not forthcoming."

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